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Tuesday 25 Oct. Left Broken Hill

Wednesday 26. Arrive Adelaide. Had a look round Museum & Zoo.

Thursday 27. Arrive Casterton

Friday 28. Hired horse & trap & went out to Dancocks, Coondale to see if I could find the nest & eggs of the Masked Owl (S. novæ hollandiæ) Met Mr Frank Dancocks, who told me that the Owls were still about that part of the district, but he thought that they had bred very early in the season. We went to a tree where the Owls had nested some years previously & examined the hollow, but did not find any recent signs of the birds. I examined some hollows in 2 more trees without success. We then went to a tree that had been used by a pair of Black cheeked Falcons. Saw

nesting purposes for some years past. I climbed to the hollow, it contained 3 fullfledged young ones almost ready to leave the nest. Went from there to another tree where the Owls used to breed + found recent traces of the birds in the form of pellets of fur + bones (mainly young rabbits) on the ground. On climbing to the hollow I found that the birds had flown. Hollow 4 ft deep 2 ft 6 in across, opening 15 by 9 inches, bottom covered with excreta + pellets, a quantity of down adhering to sides + entrance. I think that these birds must have started laying about the beginning of August. Could not find any other nests so I returned home.

Saturday 29 Left for Melbourne reach there 10 pm

Sunday 30 Had a look round Botanical & Zoological gardens, did not think much of the latter.

Monday 1st Nov. Left for Sydney

Tuesday 2. Arrive Sydney. Met Dr Dombrain, had some lunch & then went up to the Museum to see North he was away a lunch so we put in a couple of hours amongst the cases of Birds. Called at Norths room again found him in. Had a few minutes chat with him & arranged to call again Friday morning.

Wednesday 3. Dr Dombrain & I went out to Blacktown, an hours train ride from the city. Went into a paddock near the station. I found unfinished nest of Artamus superciliosa in small sapling. This birds fairly

numerous + a few A personatus. Found
8 old nests of Hylexetastes stuttata in
saplings. saw Malurus Lamberti. Sacred
Kingfisher numerous, A call from Dr D brought
me to where he had found a nest of
Falago bicolor about 30 ft from ground
in species of Box tree, I climbed to nest
it contained 2 young just hatched, another
nest of F bicolor contained 2 eggs 2 nests
of S guttata with 5 + 6 eggs, an unfinished
nest of A superciliosa + a nest of Grallina
picata in same tree. Pair of Gerygone
albigularis building in sapling nest about
half built. Brown flycatchers (M fascinans)
30 ft from ground in dead branch did not
examine it. Brown treecreeper (C picumnus) flew
into hollow with material for nest in its
bill. Sitella chrysoptera feeding fullfledged
young ones. Saw several Chickheads (P. rufi-
ventris) Pair of Acanthiza nana building
in Box tree nest almost completed. Nest
of P. rufiventris. containing 3 eggs in. Litter

on bank of creek, Heard an Oriole but could not get sight of it. Dr D came in sight & we had some lunch afterwards crossing the line & following creek. Find old nest of Malurus superbus with Bronze cuckoos egg embedded in lining of nest. A few yards away find another nest of same species containing 3 young not long hatched. Saw King fisher (H sanctus) fly from hollow high up in tree, could not get at it. We go back to where I had seen nest of M. fascinans. I climb tree near the one containing the nest & find it contains 1 egg & a young one just hatched, when I reach the ground again I see L. viridis fly to nest in tree that I had just come down out of, too stiff a climb to take on again so leave it. We go across to a creek a couple of hundred yards away, on the way take another nest of L viridis containing 2 eggs & see pair of Acanthizas feeding fullfledged Bronze Cuckoo. Nest of P guttata in Tittea

crowing on bank of creek contains young ones just hatched, a little further on find B & W flycatchers nest in Tea tree containing 3 eggs, finishes the days work. We return to the station with a few minutes to spare before our train arrives.

Thursday. 4. We go out to Berowra creek. When we arrive at our destination inquire which direction the creek lies, find that it is 2 miles away & 700 ft below us. Get a ride down to it in a buggy scenery very pretty on the way down still prettier when we get there but not many birds to be seen or heard. Creek is several hundred yards wide, water salt. We go along the bank for some distance find a nest of M. Lamberti containing 3 young not long hatched nest placed close to ground in bunch of grass. Melianis serricea & Psophodes crepitans fairly plentiful do not find any

of their nests. A Lyre bird treats us to a sample of its mimicry. We turn back & follow the creek in the opposite direction till we come to a stream of fresh water; first sampling some oysters which are plentiful all along the creek. Follow up the stream for a while then have some lunch, as no nests are to be found we make our way back to the station & wait till our train arrives.

Friday. 5. Go to Museum to see North, he shows me the collection of eggs, it is not as good as I expected, & a beautiful collection of Birds of Paridise from New Guinea. He tells me that Somerset will be the best place for me to go to, but told me to try Cairns & Atherton first as I would not do much good at Somerset before the middle of December. Said that a small island about 5 or 6 miles

from Cairns (Upolu bank) would be worth a visit I would probably get Terns & Noddys breeding there & at Atherton I would have a chance of getting the Foothills eggs. Told me a few facts about S W Jacksons trip up that way & said that in his opinion S W's report was nearly all faked. He gave me 2 letters of introduction to, Mr J Sharpe Atherton, Mr E.A.C. Cline. Cooktown & Mr Bertie Jardine. Somerset. After dinner I went to the Tourists inquiry office to find out the best & quickest way of getting to my destination; they referred me to the Queensland inquiry office, so I went there & asked if they could tell me the best & quickest way of getting to Somerset; They did not know where Somerset was, I told them it was on the mainland opposite Thursday island Then they asked me whether I wanted to go by rail, or boat; I said that I

did not think that I could get there by rail as Rockhampton was the terminus of the Northern line. When they asked what lines of boats ran up that way I was settled, but I told them that I would go round the shipping offices & make inquiries & let them know as soon as possible. I did not trouble about making any more enquiries, but got a ticket to Rockhampton, by rail & trusted to luck to catch a boat there.

Saturday 6. Leave for Rockhampton

Sunday 7 Arrive Wallangara on the Border N S W & 2hd. very pretty scenery after passing Toowoomba; Stop for an hour at Brisbane.

Monday 8 Arrive Rockhampton 48 hrs journey.

Tuesday. 9. Go round to Shipping Office make inquiries re boat for Cairns. Bombala leaving next day so I book a berth.

Wednesday. 10. Leave by Tender to catch Bombala at Keppel bay 45 miles from Rockhampton. While going down Fitzroy river see a number of Whistling Eagle, 2 White bellied Sea Eagles 2 Egrets, White Ibis a few Silver Gulls & Terns Intermediate some Whimbrel & Dotterel, Curlew

Thursday 11 Well out from land. all day see an occasional Gull & Tern

Friday 12 Arrive Townsville & transship to the Mourilyan. A few Gulls & Terns & 2 White-bellied Sea Eagles about the harbour pass through Kinchinbrook passage & Dunk island (the prettiest bit of scenery along the coast) at night.

Saturday. 13. Arrive Cairns, Several flocks Torres straits Pigeons flying towards the mainland & a few Gulls & Terns about the harbour.

Sunday 14 Call on Mr Carlisle ask him if he can give me any information about the birds of the district, says that he does not know anything about birds but he will look up someone that does, tells me to call & see him again on Tuesday Have a look round the town after dinner Saw Yellow bellied Fly bird building nest in tree on the Esplanade these birds numerous about the town. White rumped wood swallow sitting on nest in tree in main street, these birds also numerous, as a few Friar birds & Barred shouldered Doves.

Monday, 15. Went out to Balinda creek 35 miles from Cairns on Mulgrave Tramway. On the way out I saw 2 small colonies of Shining Calornis. Some King fishers, & macklayi Friar birds Fig birds Orange shrike Black Butcher birds & Blue bellied Lorikeets. Arrive at crk 12.30 & go into scrub which is very high & dense Found old nest in Palm 12 ft from ground looked like Rifle birds, composed outwardly of leaves of Staghorn fern & lined with fine twigs & rootlets Heard Cassowary about 20 yds away, could not get a sight of the bird undergrowth too dense saw tracks of same bird. Heard Laughing Jack ass & Harmonious Thrush, saw Rufous breasted shrike Thrush. Found old nest in undergrowth 4 ft from ground looked like Thrushes nest found 2 more nests same kind. Yellow Throated Scrub Wren feeding full fledged young ones. Heard Grey cone albigularis but could not see the

bird. Saw Tanel fern 60 ft up in tree could not get up to it. Staghorn + Bird nest ferns on nearly all the trees, no orchids. Pair of Sulphur crested Cockys Blue bellied Lorikeets in great numbers in the tree tops. Got into dense tangle of Lygon vine took me half an hour to get out of it. Saw Pheasant tailed pigeon. Came out of scrub + back to the station with about 15 minutes to spare before the train started. Saw a few Butterflies about the edge of scrub but could not get any of them, did not see any Beetles.

Tuesday 16 Call on Mr Carlisle again, he told me that he had seen Dr Tyler + Mr Meyer Meyer had told him that the birds were breeding on Upolo bank + Oyster quay 17 + 25 miles from Cairns. (North told me that Upolo bank was only 5 or 6 miles out) he told me to go + have a talk with Dr Tyler

as he took an interest in birds, so I went & saw him. He said that it was rather late for the birds in the coastal scrubs, he could not tell me of any good places to go to about here, & he did not know when the birds started to breed on the islands but thought it was in May. I don't think he knew too much about the subject. Went to see Meyers he said that the birds were breeding on the islands but could not take me out as his boat was engaged. The owner of the Hotel had told me of a man that would be able to take me out so I went & saw him & arranged to make a start the next morning. Had a look at the boat & gave him a hand to launch it.

Wednesday 17 Made an early start with light breeze blowing from the land, got out about 5 miles & breeze died away, dead calm for an hour, then it began to blow from N.E. could not make much headway against

it, poled out a couple of miles further & the boatman reckoned that he could not get to the island before dark & said that we had better return & have another try next morning. Got back to Cairns about 1.30 pm had some dinner & started off to Mangrove swamps about 2½ miles S.W. of the town Saw plenty of White rumped Wood-swallows till I got out of the town, Found Varied Cuckoo-shrike building nest high up in Gum tree at edge of swamps, Dusky & Sanguineous Honeyeaters numerous in the Mangroves but could not get out to them tide was coming in much too soft, saw pair of Black-breasted birds & shot one of them it took me nearly ½ hour to get within range birds were very wary. Mosquitos in swarms & very vicious Saw a lot of Swifts hawking for insects high above the swamps but could not identify them Spine-tailed I think. Drongo shrike Friar birds & Minah birds numerous but could not find any of their nests. Trees full of nests

of a green ant. came back to Rifle range saw Malurus alnabilis feeding fullfledged young, saw several of these birds about the range but could not find any of their nests, saw couple of females M melanocephalus in same place but no nests. return home have tea & skin Butcher bird. Female.

Thursday. 15. Make another start for islands light breeze from land get out about 10 miles breeze died away dead calm for 2 hours. day very hot I felt like having a swim but saw a couple of sharks one about 6 ft long the other about 8 ft lost all interest in swiming. it began to blow from N.W. got within about 3 miles of Upolu bank, wind changed to N.E. could not make any headway so ran for Green island about 4 miles to East. land there 4 30 pm camp for night. This island is covered with scrub but there are not many birds on it as there is no fresh water the birds are dependant on the

caretaker for a drink, Roe crowned Fruit Pigeons Terns + a few White rumped Woodswallows were all that I saw. I found a couple of old nests of Terns. Did not see any Butterflies or Beetles. Had a look round the beach for shells but did not get any. Had some tea + turned in Flying foxes in tree over my head kept me awake half the night.

Friday. 19. Made an early start for Upolu bank, breeze blowing almost dead ahead pass over some beautiful coral formation but could not get any, too much water. Sea a bit choppy See a few Terns hovering over shallow portion of the reef. Pass a small sandbank 2 miles from Upolu no birds on it so do not land Nearing Upolu bank crowds of Terns + Noddys can be seen sitting on tufts of grass + hovering over the island. Land on the island about 12.30 Neither eggs or young birds to be seen. I think that the birds are just about to commence breeding as there are a few heaps of seaweed + some

hollows made in the sand among the tufts of grass. I asked the boatman if he could get to Oyster quay that night & he said that he could not do so unless the wind changed. So I decided to return to Cairns reach there I am next morning 12 hrs to do 17 miles.

Saturday 20. Did not go out anywhere, too tired. Made inquiries about boats for Somerset Airlie leaving on 9th Dec Thursday leaving on 15th Dec. Monthly boat leaves Townsville does not call here.

Sunday 21. Go up to Kuranda. Call to see Mr Dodd, he is not in & will not be back till evening. Have a look at his collection of Butterflies Moths & Beetles. Have dinner & go into scrub near Barron falls. See a few Spotted cat birds, Brown & Rufous breasted shrike Thrushes, hear some Pigeons but could not get a glimpse of them scrub too dense, find a few old nests of Spotted catbird

leave the scrub & return see the nests (about 30) of a colony of Shining Calornis in a tree near station I watched the birds for some time but they all appeared to be feeding young ones, found some eggshells & a couple of dead young ones beneath the tree. Call on Mr Dodd again after tea & find him at home have a talk with him about his collection, he tells me that nearly all of his specimens are reared from either the egg, pupa or crysalis, only get occasional ones with the net. He says that it is rather late for birds here most of them are finished breeding, said that the Calornis came there about the begining of September. He had not long returned from a collecting trip at Port Darwin, he said that he could have taken lots of Honeyeaters & other small birds nests there, but he did not know the names of them.

Monday 22 Went on to Alberton, raining heavy when I arrived. Made inquiries as to where Mr Harper lived & was told about 10 miles out near Allamba

no coach going out that way, so I had to arrange with a bread carter to take me out next day. I went round the town to see if I could get any blacks to work for me, but all that I saw said that they were working.

Tuesday. 23. Went out to Allomba & saw Mr J Sharpe, he told me that I would want blacks to help me in the scrubs but said that I would not be able to get any there, as his brother George who was collecting in the Evelyn scrubs near Herberton had all the available ones with him, he said that he might be able to get me a couple at Atherton & would come in there with me on Friday. I told him that I had tried to get them there myself but was not successful & he said that they will not have anything to do with strangers. He showed me a fine collection of skins that he was getting for Gregory Mathews, Esq. & some fine water colours of birds done by himself. He showed me an article contradicting nearly every word of A W Jackson's account of his trip up here &

said that he had sent it to the Bulletin but they would not print it. He spent a couple of hours in the scrub with me but we did not find anything except 2 old nests of Archy from Red Robin all built in Lygen vine, + 2 old nests of Spotted cat bird. Saw a few Logrunners Heard plenty of Toothbills but did not see any of their playgrounds or nests Heard Coachwhip bird Allied Pigeons but did not see them Saw a couple of Little Green Pigeons + a few Rufous Fantails, Spotted Cat birds, Rufous breasted + Brown thick Thrushes.

Wednesday 24 Went into scrub in the direction of Lake Eacham Came across a Toothbill at playground cleared space 4 by 3 ft decorated with long narrow leaves placed upside down the bird flew off as I approached. Old nest of Spotted cat bird in small sapling 7 ft from ground Logrunners old nest in vine 4 ft from ground Toothbill at playground 4 by 4 ft fresh leaves Toothbill flew from vine 50 ft up examined

place no sign of nest Ashy fronted Rubins old nest in Loyer vine 5 ft from ground Pittas old nest at foot of tree. Saw Allied Fruit Pigeon had a shot at it but did not get it. Spotted cat birds old nest in Loyer vine 4 ft from ground. Saw Black fronted flycatcher. Rufous & Northern Fantail Spotted cat birds old nest in stinging tree & another in small vine covered sapling 8 & 10 ft from ground. 5 Logrunners Heard broadwhip bird. Saw pair of Toothbills in vines 50 ft up watched them for a while but they never moved examined the tree that they were in & 4 other trees close by could not see any sign of nest. Logrunners old nest in vines 6 ft from ground. Toothbill at playground 5 by 4 ft fresh leaves 3 old nests Spotted cat bird in small saplings 8. 10 & 12 ft from ground Toothbill in tree examined place no nest Ashy fronted Rubins nest in Loyer vine 5 ft from ground. Toothbill at playground

6 ft across. fresh leaves. Rufous breasted
& Bower shrike Thrush. Logrunners old
nest in Loyer vine 5 ft from ground. Got
stung with stinging tree, on the arm. Toothbill
at playground 6 by 3 ft fresh leaves. Spotted
bat birds old nest in small sapling 12 ft
from ground. Saw pair of Ashy fronted Robins
& found an old nest in Loyer vine. Black
fronted flycatcher tried to shoot it but
did not get it. Rittas old nest at foot
of Palm. Toothbill at playground 5 by 4 ft
fresh leaves. Spot birds old nest close by
in Loyer vine 10 ft from ground Toothbill
flew from vines 30 ft up could not find
any nest. Toothbill at playground. 5 ft
across fresh leaves had a shot at it but did
not get it. Another Toothbill at playground
50 yds away 4 by 3 ft fresh leaves Black fronted
flycatcher. Toothbill up in vines examined 3
hrs no nest. Have some dinner. Heard Rittas
bird could not see it. Rufous bird Robin. Ashy fronted
Robins old nest in Loyer vine 7 ft from ground.

Toothbill at playground 6 by 4 ft fresh leaves
Logrunners old nest in Soyer vine 4 ft from
ground Ashy fronted Robins old nest in Soyer
vine 4 ft from ground. Toothbill flew from
vines 40 ft up could not find any nest
Spotted cat birds old nest in small sapling
6 ft from ground. Turn for home. Toothbill at
playground 4 ft across fresh leaves. Cross small
pocket open forest country Saw Macleays Kingfisher
feeding young in Termites nest 40 ft from ground
Saw Leachs Kingfisher, Pallid flycatcher, Red
caterpillar eater. Dollar bird. Varied cuckoo
shrike. Drongo shrike Red browed Finch Blue bellied
Lorikeets tried to shoot some but they were
too high up in tree. Rufous + Northern Fantails
numerous at edge of scrub. Go into scrub again
Toothbill at playground, 4 ft across, fresh leaves
Ashy fronted Robins old nest in Soyer vine
5 ft from ground, Black fronted flycatcher.
Bower shrike Thrush. Spotted cat birds old
nest in stinging tree. Toothbill up in tree
with leaf in its bill watch him for some

time playing with leaf looks like as if he was courting a female but I could not see her examine 2 vine covered trees close by but do not find any nests. Togamuners old nest in vines 6 ft from ground. saw 6 of the birds running ahead of me. Toothbill at play ground 8 by 4 ft. fresh leaves. Spotted cat birds old nest in Lower vine 8 ft from ground. Pair of Ashy fronted Robins no nest. Saw Coachwhip bird. Ashy fronted Robins old nest in Lower vine 10 ft from ground. Saw Little Green Pigeon could not shoot it. Togamuners old nest in vines 4 ft from ground. Toothbill flew from vines 60 ft up examined place but could not find any nest. Toothbill at playground 6 by 4 ft fresh leaves. saw Allied Fruit Pigeon + Little green Pigeon Spotted cat birds old nest in small sapling 6 ft from ground Black fronted Flycatcher. Rufous breasted shrike Thrush. Spotted cat birds old nest in Lower vine 8 ft from ground another

old nest in sapling 10 ft from ground
Logrunners old nest on stump 6 ft
from ground. Toothbill at playground
5 ft across, fresh leaves. Bird flew from
vine 30 ft up but I could not find
any nest. Ashy fronted Robins old
nest in Lawyer vine 6 ft from ground
Spotted cat birds old nest in sapling
8 ft from ground. Toothbill at playground
5 by 4 ft fresh leaves. Spotted cat birds
old nest in Lawyer vine 6 ft from ground
Saw pair of Toothbills in vine covered nest
but I could not find any trace of nest
Came out of scrub + made my way
back home. Had a nice dose of scrub itch on me

Thursday. 25. Went into scrub N.W.
of Allamba. Found Ashy fronted Robins
nest containing 1 Half fledged young
one in Lawyer vine 7 ft from ground
Nest composed of fine rootlets outside
decorated with green moss. Young Cuis bird

legs shaw colour gape + inside of mouth
yellow bill brownish upper surface rufous
throat + chest rufous with dark shocahs abdo-
men + under tail coverts white marked with
buff no sign of any tail feathers. Spotted
cat birds old nest. Towhill flew into
some vines I waited for a while, but
it did not fly out until I started to
climb the tree but there was no
sign of any nest. Hooky fronted Robins
old nest in fayer vine 6 ft from ground
Logrunners old nest in vines 5 ft from
ground. Saw female Rifle bird watched
her for some time feeding about one
spot started to climb to look for
her nest examined 4 trees but could
not find it. Spotted cat birds old nest
Allied fruit Pigeon fired a shot at it
but did not get it, dont think that the
cartridges are much good. Heard Rifle
bird calling but could not see it. Saw
Towhill fly from vines left up examined

place no sign of nest. Spotted cat
birds old nest in sapling 7 ft from
ground Heard Coachwhips bird, saw Black
fronted flycatcher. Spotted cat birds
old nest in Soyer vine 8 ft from ground
Shy fronted Robins old nest in Soyer
vine 5 ft from ground, Soyernuts old nest
on stump 7 ft from ground. Have some lunch
Saw Jewbird feeding about some vines
30 ft up could not find any nest. Saw
male Rifle bird could not get a shot
at it. Saw little Green Pigeon. Saw
Rufous fantail building in fallen timber
at edge of scrub. Saw pair of Jewbirds
chasing each other watched them for some
time both flew into some vines 40 ft
up & stopped there until I started to
climb up. no sign of any nest. Boner
shrike Shrank. Spotted cat birds old nest
in sapling 6 ft from ground. Saw some
thing boys shot one took 3 shots Spotted
cat birds old nest in sapling 10 ft fro

ground. Ashy fronted Robins nest in Lower nine 5 ft from ground. Allied fruit Pigeon, Shot Spotted cat bird & then returned home. Made skins of Lory male & bat bird male scrub itch pretty bad form large red lumps all over body but mostly on legs.

Friday. 26. Went back to Atherton with Mr Sharpe to see if we could get some blacks. got hold of one that said he would come out with me about Atherton so I arranged with him to come out next day. Tried to get a couple more but did not succeed in getting any more. Met Mr Archer a Tasmanian collector. he told me that he has been up here 9 months & was collecting at Mackay. Cairns & Cooktown & all along the reef said that he was taking back about 3000 eggs reckons that he would buy George Sharpes lot. I think

that he was talking a bit big.

Saturday 27. Went into scrub in direction of Yelga with black face colony of Shining Calornis in tall tree at edge of scrub about 20 nests sent black up to them he reported all young ones. Toothbills playground 5 ft across fresh leaves Spotted cat birds old nest in Foyer vine 10 ft from ground Saw Toothbill in vines 50 ft up sent black up no sign of nest climbed 2 more vine covered trees close by no result. Found Striny fronted Robins nest containing 1 fresh egg in Foyer vine 5ft Foyer runners old nest in vines 4 ft from ground 2 old nests Spotted cat bird in saplings 8 & 12 ft from ground Striny fronted Robins old nest in Foyer vine 6 ft from ground. Toothbills play ground 5 ft across looks as if the

bird had not been there for a few days
Bower shrike Thrush, Allied Fruit
Pigeon. Heard Rifle bird but could not
see it. Toothbill flew from vines 5 ft
up sent black ants no sign of nest, Re
found Ashy fronted Robins nest with
1 egg. in Foyer vine 4 ft Toothbill at playground 4 ft
across fruit beams. Spotted cat birds
old nest another nest with 2 eggs
just ~~chipping~~ in sapling 8 ft from ground
climb 3 hrs searching for Toothbills
no nests, Little green pigeon, Rufous
breasted shrike Thrush plentiful Tooth
bill at playground 6 by 4 ft fresh leaves
Ashy fronted robins old nest in Foyer
vine 5 ft from ground. Fogrunner old
nest in vines 6 ft from ground. Tooth
bills deserted playground 4 ft across
Spotted cat birds old nest in Foyer
vine 6 ft from ground. Have some
lunch. Spotted cat birds old nest
in sapling 7 ft from ground Saw

Toothbill in tree examined place no nest. Found Allied fruit Pigeons nest with 1 egg incubation advanced in sapling 8 ft from ground bird sat on nest till I started to get up to it Nest composed of a few twigs & tendrils of vine. Ashy fronted Robins old nest in small shrub first one seen that was not built in Soyer vine. Toothbill at playground 5 ft across fork leaves Soyanners old nest on stump 6 ft from ground, Scared a couple of vine covered hens for Toothbills no sign of nests. Nesting mound of Scrub Turkey opened it up, no eggs, Toothbill at playground 4 by 3 ft fork leaves. Spotted bat birds old nest in Soyer vine 6 ft from ground Black fronted flycatcher. Rufous fantail Ashy fronted Robin. Soyanners old nest in vines 5 ft from ground Saw Toothbill up in vine covered tree went black up, no nest, bit stung with stinging tree on

the hand had several narrow shows with it through the scrub some plains pretty thick Stiky fronted Rubins did not get in Forgot mine 5 ft up. Leave scrub & come back along railway line. Have a look in long Kangaroo grass along a creek near line Find Red browed finches nest with 2 eggs 5 old nests & one with 5 eggs Nests built in grass about 2 ft from ground saw Male & 2 females Malurus melanocephalus. could not find any nest Fix up with the black to come out next day he said he would bring 2 more with him He told me that black fellow has got egg all round scrub & name for some one named Joan. Scrub itch bad again

Sunday. 28. Black did not turn up so I went up to his camp & found him in bed could not persuade him to come out, could not get any of the others to

come, so I went back to the Hotel to
get my bag + Mr Archer offered to come
with me. We went into scrub towards
Tolga further down the line than where
I went yesterday. I flushed a Yorkbill
from some vines could not find any
nest. Yorkbill at playground 6 by 4
ft fresh leaves. Spotted cat birds old
nest in sapling 6 ft from ground. Heard
Rifle bird call + saw female fly from
some vines with ferns growing on them
climbed 4 trees but could not find
any nest. Ashy fronted Robins old
nest in Lygus vine 5 ft from ground
Saw couple of Brown shrike Thrushes
Saw Yorkbill in vine covered tree
but could not find any nest. Scrubfowl
old nest in vines 5 ft from ground
Heard some Pigeons but could not
see them. Mr Archer found some old
nests ~~Spotted~~ Spotted cat birds + saw 3
playgrounds. Yorkbills, Yorkbills

playground 6 by 4 ft just leaves no bird there. Saw bird up in vine covered tree but could not find any nest. Ashy fronted Robins old nest in Loyer vine 5 ft from ground Spotted Cat birds nest with 2 young just hatched in sapling 5 ft from ground came to first water creek Mr Archer came along he had found Ashy fronted Robins nest in Loyer vine containing 1 egg. We had some lunch. Saw Zosterops vegeta just starting nest in small shrub on bank of creek. Went along the creek found Spotted cat birds nest with 1 egg in small sapling 5 ft from ground 2 more old nests close by. Saw pair of Knaps flycatchers watched them for some time I dont think that they had any nest Saw Rufous bared robin, pair of Ashy fronted Robins could not find any nests Log runners old nest in vines 6 ft from

ground. Black fronted flycatcher. Rufous & Northern Jankail. Brown shrike. Thrush. Toothbill at playground 4 ft across. Jerk leaves. Saw female Rifle bird but could not find any nest. Spotted cat birds old nest in Lagerinne 10 ft from ground Saw Toothbill in vines 30 ft up could not find any nest came out of scrub near Tolya & went into it again on the other side of the line & worked towards home found cat birds old nest in sapling 6 ft from ground, Logrunners old nest on stump 6 ft from ground & Spotted cat birds old nest in Lagerinne 7 ft from ground, came out of scrub & along the line home Mr Archer had left home before me he did not get any more eggs said that he had found several old nests. Got a jerk but of scrub it's legs covered with it

Went to blacks camp to see if I could get any of them to come out next day but none of them would come.

Monday. 29. Went into scrub to East of Atherton with Mr Archer Found Rufous fantails nest containing 1 egg in Leyer vine 3 ft from ground Ashy fronted Robins old nest in Leyer vine 4 ft from ground Toothbill up in tree could not find any nest. Found Bees in butt of tree did not disturb them saw Black fronted flycatcher tried a shot at it but did not get it. Toothbill at playground 4 ft across, Junk leaves. Saw Kaups flycatcher Pair of White throated Thickheads but could not find any nest Ashy fronted Robins old nest in Leyer vine 8 ft from ground. Rufous breasted shrike Thrush. Spotted Cat Birds old nest in vines growing on small sapling 8 ft from ground. Mr Archer found Ashy fronted Robins nest cont 1

egg in Loyer vine. Toothbill flew from vines 30 ft up, could not find any nest Had some lunch. Toothbills playground 5 by 3 ft looks deserted. Mr Archer found Spotted cat birds nest containing 2 fresh eggs in small sapling 7 ft from ground he gave me the eggs as he had taken as many as he wanted. Ashy fronted Robins old nest in Loyer vine 5 ft from ground. saw Bower shrike Thrush Rufous Fantail fairly numerous no nests. Saw Toothbills in vines could not find any nest. Heard Rifle bird but could not see it Logunners old nest in vines 4 ft from ground Saw Pheasant tailed Pigeon fly from low tree could not see any nest flushed another from nest 20 ft from ground cont: hard set egg. Toothbill at play ground 4 ft across fresh leaves. Spotted Cat birds old nest in Loyer vine 8 ft from ground. Left scrub & returned home.

Tuesday. 30. I did not think that I could do any good here, so I decided to return to Cairns packed my box & left by the 1.30 pm train arrive at Cairns 6. p.m.

Wednesday 1st Dec. Went north along the shore for about 2 miles & into the scrub found Sunbirds old nest & a little further on another old nest same kind. spent about 3 hours in the scrub & along the edge of Mangroves but did not find any more nests. Saw very few birds mostly Friar birds Fig birds & Drongo shrikes, pair of Black butcher birds Varied Cuckoo shrike. Pied Campephaga & Mistletoe birds Went over to railway line to where I had seen some Wrens. A Melanocephalus while coming down in the train. Saw Male & 2 females & watched them a while. Female flew into bunch of Kangaroo grass. I

went over to it & flushed her from a nest containing 3 pink eggs nest 2 ft from the ground composed outwardly of paper like bark of swamp Titia & lined with fine grass. Shot the male for identification. Saw a nice lot of these birds in long grass near line but could not find any more of their nests. Left the line & went through some small saplings found a nest with 3 eggs but did not flush any bird. sat down to wait for return of the owner in about half an hour a small bird flew into the tree but did not enter the nest. it stopped in the tree for ½ an hour or so & then left & then searched the surrounding trees for these small birds but did not see any. came back to nest did not flush any bird & took nest & eggs satisfied that I had got the birds belonging to it & returned home. skinned the Wren which was

daddy knocked about, & also the other bird a female honeyeater. C. mystacalis

Thursday 2. Heavy rain all day, not able to go out.

Friday 3 Still raining continued without ceasing till 6.30 pm. Word sent from Gulf country to prepare for cyclone.

Saturday 4 Cyclone has not come along yet looks like more rain. Went out to where I had found Graucalus mentalis building 1 of the Nov nest finished but no eggs did not see the birds about saw some miners M amabilis 2 males 4 females could not find any nest. Started to rain again, set out through rain. Did not show any signs of stopping so returned home. Heavy showers for rest of the day

Sunday 5 Heavy showers all day did not go out. Fall of 9.82 inches since

Monday. 6. Sent a wire to see if any money was on the road so that I could arrange to have it sent on to Dominet. Went to Shipping office to get my ticket & find out what time the boat is due, was told that the boat was not running this trip, on account of coal strike. next boat going north on 16th it would take me 6 days to get there by it. Went to another office & inquired when the Changsha was due & she told me she was due on 16th & that the strike would not affect her running, said that the journey would take 62 hours I decided to go by this boat. After dinner I went along the railway line for about 1½ miles into Tikui swamp country did not find anything along the edge of swamp. going through some small saplings I found

another nest of E Rufipularis in small
sapling 4 ft from ground it was just
finished & did not contain any eggs. One
of the birds was in the bush near the
nest. Saw some more H Melanocephalus
but could not find any nests.

Thursday 7th Went out to Mangrove swamps
to see if I could find any nests of Barty
& Sanguineous Honeyeaters. Spent 4 hours
in swamp saw a fair number of the
birds but did not find any nests
mosquitos were pretty bad & heat was
intense. I felt pretty sick when I came
out of the swamp & had to return

Wednesday 8 Had a bad night with diarrhea
felt pretty weak. Went out along Cairns
Kuranda tramway for a couple of miles
& into some swampy Tea tree country found
2 Orange chinks nest with 3 newly-hatched
young ones saw male & 2 females

Malurus amabilis could not find any nest. Friar bird feeding fullfledged young ones in nest. Had some lunch & crossed the line. Found Red throated Honeyeaters old nest about 12 ft from the ground at end of dead branch. Pair of these birds building nest in same. Hid, watched them for about an hour female visits nest at about 5 minute intervals male came twice while I was there. could not see any difference between male & female, Found another nest just ready for eggs a few yards away it looks like Honeyeaters but I saw a male Cuckoo fly into fallen branch where it was built so it probably belongs to this bird. a male Red backed wren seemed as if he had a female sitting near by, but I could not find her anywhere. returned home

Thursday 9 Not pretty bad with diarrhea so I went & got a prescription & got some medicine did not go out.

Friday 10 Do not go out too ill

Saturday 11 Do not go out too ill

Sunday 12 A little better to day. Went + saw T Myers + arranged with him to take me out to Oyster quay tomorrow

Monday. 13. Started about 11 am + went out to Green island, had a rough passage out, strong S E wind got to Green island about 3 pm + camped for the night saw a flock of about 20 Torres straits Pigeons + found one of their nest cont + young one. saw a couple of Sunbirds. ~~+ found a lot of the Torres~~ nests.

Tuesday. 14. Left Green island 10 am strong S E wind still blowing. Saw a number of Terns S bergii. media fuliginosa + a small flock of S pacifica. Brown Noddies + a few Brown Ganets on a small sandbank about

4 miles from Oyster bay. so I landed to see if there was any eggs but there was none. Had a bit of trouble landing as the waves were very big. Reached Oyster bay about 1 pm. This island is about ½ mile long by 300 yds wide & was covered with great thousands of birds breeding & strolling back their nests from one end of the island to the other. 4 colonies of booby terns. 2 colonies of Sterna bergii & one small colony of S media with young ones about a fortnight old. There was a few gulls on the island but they were not breeding. I did not see any of S gracilis. Myers told me that they had laid about a fortnight ago & he had taken all of their eggs 2 in each nest. I took about 40 eggs of each kind & got some of the birds for skinning. I got my feet badly sunburnt. The set sail for Cairns too rough to go to Urville bank. Had a rough time of it getting back to Cairns. I was sick nearly all the time. got into

barrs at 10,30 that night.

Wednesday 15 Had a hell of a job getting my boots on, my feet + legs were swollen so much. I went down to the boat to get the birds + skin them I managed to skin 4 of them. Then went to shipping office to get my ticket + find out when the ship was due + was told that it would be at the anchorage the following night. So I came back + started to blow the eggs

Thursday 16 Blowing eggs all day packed them up + sent them on I still have a few left about 30.

Friday 17 No boat yet went to shipping office was told that it would be in any minute now

Saturdays Boat not yet arrived Shipping Office sent word that it would not be here till Monday or Tuesday. I decided to give up trying to get to Somerset intend going to Bloomery as soon as I can.

Sunday 19 Raining too wet to go out

Monday. 20. Rain cleared off for a while so I went out to get Red Shouldered Honeysuckle Shot I had found building Flushed bird from the nest shot a shot at it but did not get it the other nest close by proved to be a Sunbirds containing 2 eggs, commenced raining again & I waited a couple of hours to try & get a shot at Honeysuckers but I did not see any more of them so I took the nest it contained 1 egg & it will do to compare with the other nest that I got.

Tuesday 21 raining again staying this evening for Townsville by the Mourilyan

Wednesday 22 Arrive at Townsville no train to Etheridge till Friday morning

Thursday 23

Friday 24 Leave for Etheridge arrive at Hughenden 9.20 pm Pass through open spinifex country till dark near Hughenden grazing country & belts of Gidyea & Gum creeks.

Saturday 25 Missed the train for Etheridge. Went for a stroll along Flinders river Salvage Kicker & Entomophila rufipalpis noted building

26.12.9 Left for Otaracuy arrive there
5 30 pm.

27.12.9 Called on 1 squatter & enquired
if did not know of any suitable place
to go to as there had not been
any rain within a radius of 30
miles.

28 12 9 Did not go out

29 12 9 Went down to river
a dry sandy bed with occasional
water holes. Eroallina Oriole
Graucalus melanops Butcher
bird (inquisitor) Myzantha flav-
igula Friar bird Micraeca
flavescens Acanthiza chrysorrhoa
Pardalotus rubricatus Red
throated Lesser White plumed
Sayornis Mackays a Red backed
Kingfishers Black faced a

Masked wood swallows - Cormus
Lunetta - Spinus - tailed kites
noted.

30.12.9 Went out through
hilly country past Quat-
Quat mine - Saw a few
Cockatoos on sandy
patch not far from the
Hotel. Corvus Kites Red
Throated & Hartlaubs honey
eaters + Micronis - Common
noted Country very dry

31/12/9 Did not go out

1.1.10 Rain Thunder + Storm

2.1.10 Intended to go to
Mt Elliot in coach but
the river was to high

8.1.10 Left via creek for Mt Elliot. 75 miles

9.1.10 Arrive Mt Elliot. Nothing doing.

10/10 Return Cloncurry

11.1.10 Reach Cloncurry

14/10 West out to creek 4 miles from town. No birds breeding.

29/10 West out to North of town Chestnut eared finches breeding

30/10 West out to Base mountain 3 miles from Cloncurry. White throated nightjars noted